LB 240 ad ance to E & R initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 240.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 240 advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have some things for the record?

CLERK: I do, Madam President, thank you. Banking Committee reports LB 279 to General File, LB 489 General File, LB 456 General File with amendments, LB 626 General File with amendments, LB 477 indefinitely postponed. Ag Committee reports LB 356 to General File with amendments, LB 434 General File with amendments and LB 557 indefinitely postponed, those reports are signed by their respective Chairs. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 691-94 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: We will proceed with LB 147.

CLERK: LB 147, Madam President, introduced by Senator McKenzie. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 6, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator McKenzie, would you like to open on your bill?

SENATOR McKENZIE: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature, LB 147 was introduced this session to delay the operative date of the legislation we put in place last year in LB 1210. Following the passage of LB 1210, I also introduced a legislative resolution for summer study on the issue which was and I had the Pages hand out to you a summary of the meeting which was held this summer to discuss Nebraska's rules and regulations relating to the Environmental Lead Hazard Control Act. We had originally been informed that the EPA would be releasing their rules and regs sometime in the summer and would allow us time then to put additional language or make revisions in 1210 that were necessary. However, EPA's time line has been delayed. The rules and regulations have been drafted released for first review, but the current consensus now is that those final rules and regs will not be available and completed until sometime later this year or early next year. So LB 147 essentially changes the operative date that was placed in